



UC Davis State Government Relations Update January 2020

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Budget

On January 10th Governor Newsom released his 2020-21 state budget proposal. Below is a summary of the key points and a description of the provisions that affect the University.

Total Budget

Governor Newsom budget proposal includes \$153.1B in State General Fund expenditures. Consistent with prior years the plan makes a deposit into the State's Budget Stabilization Account, also known as the "Rainy Day Fund", bringing the State's reserves to a total of \$21B.

University of California

The proposed budget includes a total of \$3.996B in State General Fund support for the University of California. The Governor's proposed budget provides the University with \$217.7M, or a 5.8% increase, in ongoing funding over the 2019-20 level, bringing total ongoing funding to \$3.94B. The University is also provided with \$55.3M in one-time funds. The Regents' Budget Plan had requested a base-budget increase of \$433.1M and one-time funds of \$475M.

The proposed budget retains separate line items for UCOP administration, ANR, and UC Path. The proposal includes no change in funding for UCOP administration and UC Path, but does provide a \$3.6M (5% increase) in the direct appropriation for Agriculture and Natural Resources. This is included in the \$217.7M shown above. The proposed budget continues to allow for an additional campus assessment of \$15.3M to support UC Path operations, with any assessment above that amount subject to approval by the Department of Finance.

The \$217.7M increase in ongoing funding for the University includes the following:

- \$169.2 million for critical operational cost increases
- \$25 million for the UC Riverside School of Medicine
- \$15 million for the UCSF Fresno branch campus operation and expansion
- \$3 million for the UC San Diego Center for Public Preparedness multi-campus research initiative
- \$3.6 million for Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) at UCOP
- \$1.625 million to bring the Proposition 56 Graduate Medical Education (GME) grants to \$40 million total (to address a projected shortfall in Proposition 56 revenues)
- \$345,000 for immigrant legal services

The \$55.3 million in one-time funding provided in the Governor’s budget consists of the following:

- \$50 million to UC Davis for grants to animal shelters
- \$4 million for online UC Extension degree completion efforts
- \$1.3 million for the California Subject Matter Project (CSMP) to train for K-12 computer science educators

Other Higher Education Budget Items of Interest:

- Provides \$230.4M in incremental ongoing funds to CSU
- Fully funds Prop 98 for K-12 and Community Colleges
- \$5 million for the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to contract with UC on environmental toxicology assessments.
- \$33 million for the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the Fresno DRIVE (Developing the Region’s Inclusive and Vibrant Economy) initiative, a food innovation corridor that will work with regional and educational partners in the Fresno area.

You can view the Governor’s Budget Summary here:

<http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/home.php?selectedYear=2020-21>

Legislation

AB 140 (Cervantes) was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would have established the California Kickstart My Future Loan Forgiveness Program.

AB 838 (Eggman) passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee with amendments. The bill requires UC, to ensure the continued economic viability of small- and moderate-scale diversified farms and ranches, create a coordinated, statewide program to support operators of those farms and ranches, prioritizing limited resource farmers and ranchers and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

AB 855 (McCarty) was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would have required the Attorney General to convene a task force to study the use of deadly force by law enforcement officers and to develop recommendations, including a model written policy, for law enforcement agencies.

AB 890 (Wood) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill requires the Advanced Practice Registered Nursing Board to define minimum standards for a nurse practitioner to transition to practice without the routine presence of a physician and surgeon and would authorize a nurse practitioner who meets certain education, experience, and certification requirements to perform, in certain settings or organizations, specified functions without standardized procedures, including ordering, performing, and interpreting diagnostic procedures, certifying disability, and prescribing, administering, dispensing, and furnishing controlled. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 1155 (Rodriguez) passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill would establish the Campus-Affiliated Sorority and Fraternity Transparency Act, which would require each institution of higher education to annually collect information from each sorority or fraternity recognized by the official authorizing body at the institution, including the number of citations and disciplinary actions taken against a sorority or fraternity member in specified categories, and to compile the collected information into a publicly accessible report. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 45 (Allen) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill enacts the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020 to authorize \$5.5B to finance various projects, and allocates \$15M to UC for a Fire Outreach and Extension Program. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 201 (Wiener) failed to pass out of the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee. Reconsideration was granted. The bill prohibits treatment or intervention on a person born with variations in their physical sex characteristics who is under age 6 unless it is medically necessary. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 444 (Umberg) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill requests UC Regents to enact a resolution authorizing UC Berkeley and Irvine law schools to participate in a pilot project to develop artificial intelligence solutions regarding access to justice for pro se indigent (self-represented) litigants. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 702 (Hill) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill authorizes a retail seller of electricity to rely on contracts of 10 years or more or agreements entered into before January 1, 2019, directly by its nonprofit educational institution end-use customer for eligible renewable energy resources located in front of the customer meter to satisfy the 65% portion requirement attributable to the retail sales of that end-use customer. The University's position on the bill is pending.

SB 776 (Skinner) passed off the Senate Floor. The bill prohibits a postsecondary educational institution from inquiring about a prospective student's criminal history on an initial application form or at any time during the admissions process before the institution's final decision on admission. The University has an Amend position on the bill.

Upcoming State Government Relations Events, Hearings and Key Dates

Jan. 31 Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year

Feb. 21 – Last day for bills to be introduced

Feb. 25 – Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance: Higher Education Overview of the Governor's 2019-20 Budget - 9:00 a.m., Capitol, Room 447

March 10 – Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance: Higher Education Access - 9:00 a.m., Capitol, Room 447

March 17 – Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance: California Student Aid Commission Budget, 9:00 a.m., Capitol, Room 447

April 1 – Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance: UC Hastings College of the Law Budget - 4:00 p.m., Capitol, Room 126

April 2 – Spring Recess begins upon adjournment.

April 13 – Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess.

April 24 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house.

May 1 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house.

Questions or Need Assistance?

If you have any questions regarding the aforementioned items or would like assistance in connecting with state legislators and/or their staff, please do not hesitate to contact Adrian Lopez, Director, State Government Relations. He can be reached at adnlopez@ucdavis.edu or by phone at (530) 752-9795.